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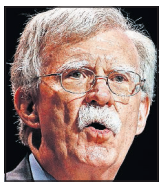
Bolton furor overshadows Trump's defense

By Michael D. Shear and Nicholas Fandos
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The White House and Senate Republican leaders struggled Monday to salvage their plans to push toward a quick acquittal of President Donald Trump this week in his impeachment trial, after his former national security adviser corroborated a central piece of the charges against him,



Bolton

angering key Republicans and reinvigorating a bid to hear from witnesses.

Three Republican moderates indicated they were inching closer to joining Democrats in a vote to subpoena John Bolton, the former adviser whose forthcoming book details how Trump conditioned military aid for Ukraine on the country's willingness to furnish information on his political rivals. Feeling political pressure, other members of the president's party privately expressed new openness to including witnesses in the trial, even as their leaders insisted that doing so would only delay the president's inevitable acquittal.

"I think it's increasingly likely that other Republicans will join those of us who think we should hear from John Bolton," Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, told reporters.

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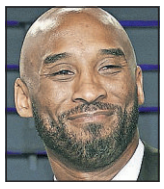
Fog seems likely cause of Bryant tragedy

From wire reports

CALABASAS, Calif. — Coroner's officials worked to recover victims' remains Monday from the hillside outside Los Angeles where a helicopter carrying Kobe Bryant and eight others crashed in weather so foggy that local police departments had grounded their own choppers.



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According to recordings of his communications with air traffic controllers, the helicopter pilot, Ara Zobayan, said in his last radio message that he was climbing to avoid a cloud layer. Earlier, he had asked for and received special clearance to fly in heavy fog, said Jennifer Homendy of the National Transportation Safety Board, which was at the scene Monday.

The pilot then asked for air traffic controllers to provide "flight following" aid but was told the craft was too low, Homendy said. About four minutes later, "the pilot advised they were climbing to avoid a cloud layer," she said.

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WITNESSES TO HORROR

Survivors walk arm in arm through the gates of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp in Oswiecim, Poland, on Monday to attend the 75th anniversary of its liberation. Many were frail, walking only with the support of friends or relatives, and wore scarves emblazoned with their prisoner numbers, the same ones tattooed on their arms. It was a vivid reminder that before long the last eyewitnesses will be gone. Story, Page A6. [CZAREK SOKOLOWSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Temporary fix offered for voucher problem

By Anna Staver
The Columbus Dispatch

Ohio students could apply for vouchers using the current list of eligible public schools if a last-minute deal proposed by Senate Republicans becomes law.

The deal, which also would freeze the EdChoice Scholarship list for the 2021-2022 school year, is intended to stop a major expansion of Ohio's voucher program that's set to take effect Feb. 1.

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Morrow County suing board of only hospital

By Dean Narciso
The Columbus Dispatch

Morrow County's only hospital has been operating at a loss, despite the influx of about $1.4 million annually from a countywide property-tax levy and the growing need for services.

Now, the county is suing the governing board of Morrow County Hospital in an attempt to end its ongoing agreement with

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